



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior listings and versions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A grounding switch, comprising:
a moveable contact piece, which passes through an electrically conductive encapsulating housing wall such that it is sealed by ~~means of~~ a sealing element,
the moveable contact piece being electrically conductively connected to the encapsulating housing wall via the sealing element in the form of a bellows and being guided in a journal bearing supported on the encapsulating housing, wherein
the moveable contact piece can be configured to be driven by ~~means of~~ an electrically insulating handle.

2. (Currently amended) The grounding switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating handle is mounted and configured to such that it can slide in a guide element.